Welcome!

Welcome to the first edition of Shelf Life of the academic year, and a special welcome to all of our new students!

We hope you enjoyed this year’s Fresher’s activities! The Library had a stand promoting our new services: Discover@Bolton and Reading Lists Online. There is more information about these services below. As well as information, we enjoyed supplying our new and returning students with cakes, sweets and pens!

New for 2015: Discover@Bolton

Have you ever wondered if it was possible to search multiple electronic databases at once? Well, now you can! Discover@Bolton allows you to search across most of our electronic resources via a single interface, and access full-text where it’s included in our subscriptions. Discover@Bolton is available on the Library homepage or go direct to: www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Electronic-Resources/Discover-At-Bolton.aspx. For further information pick up a cribsheet or ask at the Help Desk.

Customer Service Excellence

We are pleased to announce that, along with Student Services, Careers and Reception Staff, The Library has been awarded the Customer Service Excellence standard. This is an official UK standard for public sector organisations. To find out more look at: www.customerserviceexcellence.uk.com/
Reading Lists Online (RLO)

Need to find your recommended module reading list? RLO is an online reading list service that allows you to access your reading lists via Moodle and the Library website. You should see a reading list block in your Moodle courses or alternatively, you can access your lists via the Reading Lists Online link in the Quick Links menu.

Reading Lists Online allows you to:

- Access e-resources such as ebooks, ejournals and databases direct from the list
- Link direct to the Library catalogue for availability and location of print titles
- Access Google Preview for print titles if available

For further information have a look at the user guide or screen cast video available at www.bolton.ac.uk/library/Electronic-Resources/Reading-Lists-Online.aspx, speak to staff at the Help Desk in the Library or email subjecthelp@bolton.ac.uk.

Missed your Library induction or need help with referencing and other study skills?

The Subject Librarians have teamed up with the Student Liaison Officers to offer a range of lunchtime workshops to help you develop the study skills needed to succeed. Come along to the sessions for useful tips and practical advice. See what’s available at: www.bolton.ac.uk/StudentServices/StudentLiaisonOfficers/BiteSize/

Don’t forget there is also referencing help and other study skills information in our online studies skills tutorial BISSTO www.bolton.ac.uk/bissto/

Getting Help in the Library

The former Library Desk and IT Desk have been combined to form a new Help Desk in the Link Zone. If you would like to see a Subject Librarian please ask at the Help Desk or email for an appointment. We hope that this will make it easier to get immediate help when you need it!

As well as the reconfigured desk, we have also made some improvements to the Library environment over the summer, namely, new carpet and refurbished toilets.
Group Study Rooms

There are ten bookable group study rooms within the Library with a variety of facilities. There are two classroom-sized rooms with interactive whiteboards (above left), six study areas with interactive touch screens (above right) and two rooms with a PC and study space. You can book these rooms for up to two hours per group per day. Make your bookings at the Help Desk, note that each group member must show their ID card.

EBooks

The Library provides access to thousands of textbooks online. The eBooks ensure that you can access textbooks at anytime online, whether you are off-campus or on-campus and as such are a key resource for your studies. The Library prioritises purchasing titles as eBooks where they are available - not all textbook titles are available in this format. There are several ways to search and access eBooks, such as the Library Catalogue or our eBook collections, but the best way is via our single search engine Discover@Bolton.

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